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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WAYNE J. SCHMIDT *ET AL.*

APPLICATION NO.: 08/680,067

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FOR: **PLATING SYSTEM FOR  
SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS**

EXAMINER: WILLIAM T. LEADER

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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the claims as set forth in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.